

441—115.2(237) Definitions.

“Comprehensive residential facility” means a facility which provides care and treatment for children who are unable to live in a family situation due to social, emotional, or physical disabilities and who require varying degrees of supervision as indicated in the individual service plan. Care includes room and board. Services include the internal capacity for individual, family, and group treatment. These services and others provided to the child shall be under the administrative control of the facility. Community resources may be used for medical, recreational, and educational needs. Comprehensive residential facilities have higher staff to client ratios than community residential facilities and may use control rooms, locked cottages, and mechanical restraints when these controls meet licensing requirements.

“Locked cottage” means an occupied comprehensive residential facility or an occupied unit of a comprehensive residential facility which is physically restrictive because of the continual locking of doors to prevent the children in care from leaving the facility.

“Nonsecure facility” means any facility which does not meet the definition of a secure facility.

“Secure facility” means any comprehensive residential facility which employs, on a regular basis, locked doors or other building characteristics intended to prevent children in care from leaving the facility without authorization. Secure facilities may only be used for children who have been adjudicated delinquent or placed pursuant to provisions of Iowa Code chapter 229.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 237.

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